Minutes

Friday, September 20, 2013
1:00 pm

Pine Room – District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

Present
Patricia Arney (Chair)    Shane Baker    Margaret Casey
Louise Cragg               Lou Guerriero     Gord Henderson
Jack Hepworth              Caroline Konarzewski    Richard Lammers
Jan McDonnell              Brian McElwain    Rob Milligan
Geoff Ross                 Peter Seybold    Debbie Vernon

Regrets
Scott Aitchison    Nic Bell    Lola Bratty
John Cooper          George Crawford    Patsy Cross
Piret Hurrell         Neil Hutchinson    Steve Inniss
Anna Mallin           Don McVittie    Greg Mierle
Steve Munro           Ruth Nishikawa    Michael Peppard
Peter Sale            Al Shaw          Paul Stueck
Ian Turnbull           Paul Wiancko    Scott Young

Staff
Judi Brouse           Rebecca Willison    Samantha Hastings

Guests
Angie Corson           David Bywater

Welcome
Patricia Arney called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm by welcoming everyone to a new session of MWC.

Confirmation of Minutes
MOTION by Margaret Casey, seconded by Geoff Ross
THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated June 21, 2013 be approved.
CARRIED

Correspondence
- Amendment to the Algonquin Park Management Plan, Ontario Parks
- Experimental Lakes Area – An email from the Premier of Ontario
- Letter from MNR confirming their intention to remain represented on MWC. Leeanne Leduc will replace Jan McDonnell.
Presentations


David asked for feedback on the report from the Council.

Patricia thanked David and congratulated him on the development of a very informative and attractive document.

FMW and MWC Promotional Video – Geoff Ross, Muskoka Watershed Council

Geoff provided a summary of the development of a promotional video for MWC and FMW.

Chair’s Items

- New MWC/FMW office location is at 16 Robert Boyer Lane.
- FMW membership – Join online at www.muskokawatershed.org.
- Member Bios for Website – send to Rebecca at rwillison@muskokawatershed.org.
- Mary McCulley has resigned from MWC.
- MNR Reorganization
- Patricia will be attending workshops on non-profit governance and fundraising.
- 2013/2014 Meeting Schedule

Activity Report

- September 2013 Activity Report – was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.
  - Executive – The Committee discussed seeking sponsorship for the Report Card. Revised Operating Procedures will be brought to MWC once they have been reviewed by the Executive Committee.
  - Policy & Research – A summary of the biodiversity report has been drafted and will be posted on the MWC website. The review of the Power Generation Position Paper is nearing completion. A Forest Health Position Paper and a Sustainable Development Position Paper are being initiated and volunteers are needed to work on them. The Planning for the Environment Handbook has been drafted and is being reviewed by Committee members.
  - Strategic Directions – The Committee continues to focus on the development of the Report Card. Judi Brouse gave a presentation on the water component of the Report Card.

Updates and New Business

- Love Your Lake program – A draft copy of the report that goes to property owners was shown. We have also received DFO funding through the program to carry out shoreline restoration projects on Peninsula Lake and Leonard Lake.
- Muskoka Summit on the Environment – Title is Environment vs Economy: Resolving the Dichotomy. May 8-9, 2014 at Rene Caisse Theatre. Robert Bateman will be the keynote speaker. Paul Kennedy will moderate the panel discussion for the CBC show Ideas.
- Dark Sky event at the Gravenhurst Opera House October 5th with Terrence Dickinson.
- Great Muskoka Paddling Experience – October 12th at Annie Williams Park.
- Member Organizations Update
  - Brian McElwain has replaced Peter Seybold as the MLA representative on MWC. Peter will remain a member of MWC. MLA is working to compile algae data from their membership.
Next MWC Meeting
Friday, October 18, 2013 beginning at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka Administration Building.

Adjournment
Patricia Arney adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.
# MWC Meeting Schedule

**October 2013 to May 2014**

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